~~CLAIMS~~I CLAIM:

1. (Currently Amended) ~~Gas generating cell or battery consisting of several such cells, having a housing which has a cover (1), an anode cup (9) and a sealing ring (8) and which accommodates at least an anode, a cathode and a separator, characterized in that at least the cathode and the separator are accommodated in the cover (1) and in that, together with these elements and the sealing ring (8), the cover forms a preassembled unit for an insertion into to the anode cup (9).~~A gas generating cell, comprising:

a housing having a cover, an anode cup and a sealing ring, the housing accommodating at least one anode, a cathode and a separator; and

the cover accommodating at least the cathode and separator and, with the sealing ring, forming a preassembled unit to be inserted into the anode cup.

2. (Currently Amended) ~~Gas~~ The gas generating cell ~~or battery~~ according to Claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the cover ~~(1)~~ is constructed as a deep-drawn part made of sheet metal ~~and has~~having a cylindrical section ~~(2)~~ and a bottom ~~(3)~~ closing off the ~~latter~~ cylindrical section at one of its ends, and around ~~the~~ a center point of the bottom ~~(3), in the case of a gas generating cell~~, a centric hole ~~(4) being~~ is constructed, which permits ~~the~~ an exiting of gas from the gas generating cell.

3. (Currently Amended) ~~Gas~~ The gas generating cell ~~or battery~~ according to Claim ~~1 or~~ 2, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the cylindrical section ~~(2)~~ is radially ~~shaped~~ flanged toward ~~the~~ an interior of the anode cup, and ~~in that~~ the sealing ring ~~(8)~~ is pressed over ~~the~~ a flanged area ~~(14)~~ of the anode cup, ~~on the interior side,~~ the sealing ring, on its interior side, ~~(8)~~ having a groove ~~(15)~~ for receiving the flanged area.

4. (Currently Amended) ~~Gas~~ The gas generating cell ~~or battery~~ according to ~~one of the preceding claims~~Claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the anode cup ~~(10)~~ is ~~also~~ constructed as a deep-drawn part made of sheet metal and is filled with an anode material ~~(16), such as a zinc gel~~.

5. (Currently Amended) ~~Gas~~ The gas generating cell ~~or battery~~ according to ~~one of the preceding claims~~Claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the anode cup ~~(10)~~ has a cylindrical jacket ~~(11)~~ in which a ring step ~~(12)~~ is constructed which has a slightly larger inside diameter than ~~the~~ an outside diameter of the preassembled unit, so that the ~~latter~~ preassembled unit can be fitted from above into the anode cup ~~(9), the edge of the anode cup (10), in the area above the ring step (12), being shaped toward the interior, so that a preassembled unit is framed by the anode cup~~.

6. (Currently Amended) ~~Gas~~ The gas generating cell according to ~~one of the preceding claims~~Claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~

~~a)~~ awherein nickel foam ~~(6)~~, which covers ~~the~~ a ring groove ~~(5) and the~~in a bottom ~~(3) inside the ring groove (6) (5?) and~~of the cover, guides ~~the~~ gas to a hole ~~(4)~~, and

~~b) as~~ the cathode, ~~a cathode disk (7) with~~having a separator coating and adapted to ~~the~~ an inside diameter of the cover ~~(1)~~, are placed into the cover ~~(1)~~.

7. (Currently Amended) ~~Method of producing a gas generating cell or battery, particularly according to one of the preceding claims, which has a housing comprising a cover (1), an anode cup (9) and a sealing ring (8), at least an anode, a cathode and a separator being arranged in the housing, characterized in that at least the cathode and the separator are placed into the cover, and in that a preassembled unit for an insertion into the anode cup (9) is formed of the cover with these elements and a sealing ring (8).~~A method of producing a gas generating cell, the gas generating cell including a housing having a cover, an anode cup, a sealing ring, and at least one anode, a cathode and a separator, the method steps comprising:

placing at least the cathode and separator into the cover, thereby forming a preassembled unit; and

inserting the preassembled unit and a sealing ring into the anode cup.

8. (New) The method of claim 7, further including the step of placing nickel foam covering a ring groove in a bottom of the cover.

9. (New) The method of claim 7, further including the step of flanging an edge of the anode cup toward an interior of the anode cup, such that the preassembled unit is framed by the anode cup.

10. (New) The gas generating cell of claim 1, wherein at least one such cell comprises a battery.

11. (New) The gas generating cell of claim 4, wherein the anode material includes zinc gel.

12. (New) The gas generating cell of claim 5, wherein an edge of the anode cup, in an area above the ring step, is flanged toward an interior of the anode cup so that the preassembled unit is framed by the anode cup.

13. (New) The gas generating cell of claim 6, wherein the cathode includes a cathode disk.